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Message from the AAO Manager:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Chicago Operations Office (CH), Argonne Area Office (AAO) is responsible and accountable for ensuring that the best interests of the government are achieved in the management and operation of Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), a large, sophisticated research and development laboratory located southwest of Chicago, Illinois. To achieve this objective we rely on the University of Chicago, under a performance-based contractual relationship, to assist us. The long term relationship (over 50 years) between the U.S. Department of Energy and the University of Chicago has served this nation's interests in a very positive way by solving a variety of novel and difficult problems that require scientific or technological answers. ANL will continue this mission by providing valuable and focused research and development programs directed at maintaining the U.S. as the world's scientific and technological leader. The support from the local communities surrounding the Laboratory and the State of Illinois has been important to the success of the Laboratory. It is important to me that these mutually beneficial relationships continue because they help to ensure that the mission of ANL can be achieved.

Important Duties of the Argonne Area Office:

- serve as the owner of the ANL government property, facilities, and equipment
- serve as the contracting officer for the ANL performance-based contract
- perform government business management functions
- determine applicability of Department of Energy policies for work at ANL and integrate competing and/or conflicting requirements or interests; issue direction to ANL
- promote and authorize world-class research and development work at ANL
- serve as the government's on-site line manager for ANL program and project work
- ensure that all work performed at ANL is performed in a safe and environmentally acceptable manner
- evaluate the ongoing ANL work performance and provide feedback, including additional direction, when necessary
- conduct community, stakeholder, and media relations programs

Robert C. Wunderlich is the current Department of Energy (DOE) Site Manager at Argonne National Laboratory and has been in this position since November 2000. Prior to this, he held the following positions within the DOE and its predecessor Agencies:

2000 – present: Manager, Argonne Area Office

1999: Manager, Fermi Area Office

1997-1998: Assistant Manager, Argonne Area Office

1995-1997: Manager of Programs, Projects, and Facilities, Argonne Area Office

1989-1996: Project Manager of the Advanced Photon Project, Argonne Area Office

1988-1989: Deputy Manager for the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) Project Office located at the Chicago Operations Office

1983-1987: Deputy Project Manager, Salt Repository Project Office

1978-1983: Chief Research and Developmental Board, Salt Repository Project Office

1973-1978: Reactor Engineer, Reactor Research and Development Division, DOE-HQ

EDUCATION:

BS in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State (1973)

Masters Degree in Nuclear Engineering from Penn State (1975)

Military Experience:

1967-1970: U.S. Marine Corps including a tour in Vietnam with the 1st Marine Division